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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION

1. INFLUENTIAL INDEPENDENT MING PAO SEPTEMBER 20 USED
EDITORIAL BOX TO PUBLISH ANNOTATED VERSION OF EPF HIGHLIGHTS
OF KISSINGER TESTIMONY CONCERNING CHINA BEFORE SENATE
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

2. PAPER QUOTED ENTIRE CAHINA PORTION OF USIS RELEASE
"KISSINGER'S VIEWS OF MAJOR U.S. FOREIGN POLICY GOALS,"
DISTRIBUTED IN HONG KONG SEPT 17, AND SUMMED UP PASSAGE
AS FOLLOWS: "WHAT KISSINGER SAID IN ESSENCE IS: MOST BASIC
OBSTACLE TO DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON
AND PEKING IS TAIWAN. SINCE CHINESE COMMUNISTS CAN SET
THIS QUESTION ASIDE FOR TIME BEING, THERE ISN'T ANY SIGNIFICANT
PROBLEM IN IMPROVEMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS."

3. MING PAO'S EDITORIAL WRITER ALSO ADDED FOOTNOTES OF HIS
OWN TO SOME OF DR. KISSINGER'S REMARKS IN AN ATTEMPT TO
INTERPRET THEM:

4. ---MAIN LINES OF THE POLICY THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED
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ARE ON COURSE (EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS APPARENTLY REFERS TO

MAIN LINES IN IMPROVEMENT OF CHINA-U.S. RELATIONS. OUTCOME OF DEBATE IS THAT CHOU ENLAI FACTION HAS WON, AND THAT FOREIGN POLICY IS CONDUCTED ALONG ORIGINAL COURSE).

5. ---WHILE, OF COURSE, WE EXPECT THEM TO MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION AND WHILE THEY HAVE TO DO THIS (EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS APPARENTLY REFERS TO THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS' LACK OF SUFFICIENT MILITARY CAPABILITY TO CAPTURE TAIWAN BY FORCE), I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS IS A FUNDAMENTAL OBSTACLE AT THIS TIME TO THE NORMALIZATION OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS. ((EDITOR'S NOTE: KISSINGER THINKS THAT, SINCE CHINESE COMMUNISTS DO NOT HAVE THE ACPABILITY TO INVADE TAIWAN MILITARILY, THEY WILL NOT TRY TO DO SO, HENCE THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD OF A SERIOUS DISPUTE WITH U.S. OVER TAIWAN; ONCE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE CAPABLE OF INVADING TAIWAN, SITUATION WILL BE DIFFERENT.))

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